Closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Coimbatore

1045. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Peelamedu, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) employing more than 1,300 employees is lying closed since August 10, 1986;

(b) if so, whether the management of the Company has taken prior permission from Government for its closures;

(c) what are the names of Board of Directors of the said Mill and what are the reasons for its closure; and

(d) whether Government propose to take over the management of the Mill under the National Textile Corporation to save the workers and their starving family members?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The number of employees affected is 1,187.

(b) Union Government are not required to give prior permission for closure of Mills.

(c) According to the last balance-sheet of the mill, the Board of Directors comprised of (1) Shri P. R. Ramakrishnan, Managing Director, (2) Shri S. R. K. Prashad, Managing Director, (3) Shri V. Salvaraj, Director and (4) Shri E. Ramakrishnan, Director.

The reason for closure is stated to be labour strike.

(d) No, Sir.

Review of Cases of Jodhpur Detenus

1046. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of all Jodhpur detenus are being reviewed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the detenus have been released; and

(d) by when all the cases are likely to be reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

Strike by Indian Workers in Baharin

1047. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 250 Indian workers in Bahrain have been on a strike in protest against the non-payment of their wages for more than 6½ months;

(b) whether it is a fact that the major partners of the firm are Indians; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government to settle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Embassy in Bahrain has been holding discussion with workers and management. Part payment has been made to the workers by the foreign employer. The matter has been referred to the local Court.

Houses taken on Lease by the ITDC

1048. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC has been giving house building loans to its senior executives and also taking their built-up houses on lease basis at handsome price for self-occupation by the same executives;

(b) whether such a practice is legal and in conformity with the guidelines laid down by Government; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to stop such malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The employees including executives of ITDC are eligible for interest bearing house building advance in accordance with the ITDC Employees Housing Loans (Grant & Recovery) Rules, 1976. No such built up house/flat acquired by an employee (either by taking loans or otherwise) has been taken by ITDC on lease for occupation by the same executive.

Appointment of Foreign Nationals by the ITDC etc.

1049. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign nationals are employed in India by the Tourism Promotion Agencies of Government including ITDC on short or long term basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with justification in each case; and

(c) whether prior approval of the Central Government was taken before employing such officials?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) In ITDC, there is only one Chinese national who has been employed as a Chef for the Mandarin Room at Hotel Janpath. This Restaurant is a speciality restaurant serving Chinese Cuisine. The Chinese Chef in addition to preparation of Chinese Food is also utilised for imparting training and know-how of Chinese Cuisine to the other food production staff.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Transfer of Lodges and Restaurants to State Tourism Corporations by the ITDC

1050. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many lodges and restaurants have so far been transferred to State Tourism Corporations by the ITDC and the reasons for such transfers;

(b) what are the terms of transfer of these properties to the State Tourism Corporations including that of its employees;

(c) whether any complaints have been received from the employees of these lodges and restaurants for non-payment of their dues or for protection of their wages and service benefits; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken against the erring officials responsible for the delay and violation of the terms of agreement against the interest of transferred employees?